

IRISH LIGHTS COMMISSIONERS.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 7 February 1892;—for,

"REPORT of the OFFICER of the COMMISSIONERS of IRISH LIGHTS who
was sent early last year to Inspect the Wreck of the 'EMILY,' lying on
BRIGG'S REEF, off Groomsport, County Down."

Board of Trade, }
13 February 1892. }

COURTENAY BOYLE.

Inspector of Irish Lights to the Secretary to the Commissioners of
Irish Lights.

Sir,

In obedience to order, I have visited Groomsport Coastguard and Lifeboat Stations and examined positions of the remains of the wreck "Emily" on Brigg's Reef. Herewith I have the honour to submit chart of Belfast Lough (as also a tracing on enlarged scale), showing the exact position which the wreck occupies, as also that of the S.S. "Orator," which vessel was lost on the same rock since the "Emily" was wrecked there. The Inspecting Committee will perceive that the Lifeboat Station is three-quarters of a mile from the position of the wreck "Emily," and it is very questionable if she can be considered a hindrance or obstacle to launching the Lifeboat.

The Reef is marked by a 1st Class Can Buoy, which is moored one-third of a cable from its northern extremity, and the only danger the wreck could be to the lifeboat would be in the event of another vessel being stranded on the same rock and requiring her assistance to save life. The rock being to a great extent embayed, I consider this a remote probability. The stern-post is above low-water spring tides, and some of the broken frames would be a danger to boats passing over them at low water.

I have obtained an estimate from a diver at Donaghadee for (1.) removal of stern-post 20 l.; (2.) removal of wreck, giving a depth of six feet over her at low water, 100 l.

I have &c.

29 February 1892.

(signed) A. Knox Gahney.

THEE THREE COMMISSIONERS

REPORT of the Charges of the Commissioners
of Trade Taxes who was sent early last year to
Inspect the Wreck of the "Baron," lying on
Rough's Reef, off Newport, County Down.

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